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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 26, 1877.

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Hardware, Stoves, Tin, &c.

LINDLEY & KEMP,

—DEALERS IN—

HARDWARE,
STOVES, TINWARE,

AND

Agricultural Implements,

AT THE

MIDDLETOWN STOVE HOUSE,

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Iron and Steel, Horse and Mule Shoes, Horse

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Wrenches, Picks, Mattocks, Hubs, Rims,

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A complete stock of TOOLS and Supplies

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Shoemakers and others, with many House-

turning articles. We invite the public to

call and examine our prices.

Paints, Oils, Turpen-

tine, Glass and

Putty,

CHEAPEST AND BEST.

Cucumber Wood Pumps.

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FARMER'S FRIEND, Heckendorn, Wiley,

Conover and Moore PLOWS; Plow

Castings, Grindstones, Pump, Scales,

Gory Shellers, Churns, Shovels, Forks,

Spades, Hoes and Rakes.

Stoves and Tin Ware.

HAVING SUCCEEDED TO THE BUSI-

ness of J. B. ROBERTS, Esq., at his old stand

ON MAIN STREET,

we respectfully solicit a continuance of his

patronage. We will have constantly on hand

STOVES AND HEATERS

of all descriptions Also

Slate Mantels,

and a large assortment of

TIN WARE

AND

HOUSE FURNISHING Articles.

Roofing & Spouting

Promptly and neatly done.

REPAIRS

for all kinds of

STOVES

Tin Ware of every description made to

order and repaired of all kinds promptly at-

tended to.

LINDLEY & KEMP.

March 27, 1877.

Board Commissioner's Report.

STATEMENT

OF THE

Board Commissioners of St. Georges

Hundred, New Castle County,

For the Year, Ending May 1st, 1877

Amount of Road Tax Levied.....\$8,915 78

Errors and Commission, 912 71

Net Proceeds from Tax, \$8,003 01

Orders drawn by the Road Commission-

ers in favor of

Aldridge, P. B. \$ 63 92

do do 100 00

do do 200 20 \$ 463 92

April, L. V. 12 50

Barris, J. W. 15 50

Boys, S. 32 00

Burke, N. 28 87

Bartley, John 9 00

Bachus, W. 3 00

do do 15 00

Bender, Samuel 25 00

do do 45 00

Boys, Jacob 131 00

do do 71 40

Buck, W. 5 75

Bender, John 2 50

Benson, George 12 50

do do 1 25

Barrow, W. 7 75

Cavender, Thomas 24 00

Cochran, E. R. 76 00

Cleaver, Joseph 68 87

do do 144 87

Claver, J. S. 8 13

Cleaver, Henry 76 76

do do 27 64

do do 10 00

do do 3 75

do do 10 07

Cleaver, C. B. H. 154 25

do do 20 00

do do 87 75

do do 100 00

do do 65 58

Cleaver, Wm. 50 00

Caston, Wm. 11 72

Caston, John 2 25

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Carpenter, Henry 2 50

Congo, T. 5 00

Carroll, John 2 50

Chambers, K. 3 12

Castlow, Thomas 8 75

do do 3 75

do do 3 00

do do 5 27

Castlow, Jeremiah 7 50

do do 10 00

do do 11 19

do do 12 00

Caston, George 21 50

Crockett, A. C. 12 00

Caver, J. S. C. 41 78

Canley, M. M. 26 87

Deveria, Mrs. E. 52 50

do do 38 13

do do 21 25

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Lockwood, E. K. \$40 00

Murray, Thomas, 17 50

do do 15 79

do do 45 00

do do 48 00

do do 29 87

do do 40 00

do do 19 50

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do do 31 55

do do 63 43

do do 6 00

do do 71 87

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Life's day is growing long. We scan

Life's dim horizon-line, that man

Must pass ere treading heaven's ways;

Our sun each day the zenith nears.

We sit on memory's realm of song,

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Select Poetry.

THE DAYS ARE GROWING LONGER.

BY MARIE MARBLE.

Along the bright horizon line,

Dividing earth from orient skies,

We look more northward for the sign

Of light each moment as darkness dies;

Yon world, toward which the sun slow creeps,

Does now resound with chirping song

Throughout its still and solemn deeps—

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Select Story.

A TERRIBLE NIGHT.

Mark Walton, almost immediately

after his marriage to Ruth Abby, had

departed, with his young wife, from

his pleasant home in one of the New

England States, for the wilds of the

West, which, just then, was fast be-

coming the land of promise to all ad-

venture-seekers from every nation. The

young couple were accompanied by

Lucy Walton, Mark's sister, who, like

the good woman she was, had left

the old friends and associations, and

even the luxuries of civilized life, to

share, with her brother, the trials and

perils of establishing a new home in the

wilderness.

Nor was sweet Ruth Walton un-

derstanding of the trials to which all

the once-loved scenes and pleasures,

knowing well the trials and even dan-

gers which lay before her—for Mark

had concealed nothing when he had

asked her to become his wife, but had

placed the plain, naked truth before

her, and asked her to judge from it—

and accompany her husband almost in-

stantly to the very heart of an uncivilized

and nearly wild country.

A few months previous, Mark had

cleared a tract of land in a delightful

valley, through which ran quite a large

stream of water, and erected and com-

forted a log-house, so that there was very

little for the happy family to do, when

they had reached the place of their des-

tination, after many days of weary

travel, but the little difficulties which</

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Rates for one inch and over, as follows:

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1 inch,	\$ 75	\$ 1.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00
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3 "	1.75	3.50	6.00	10.00	16.00
4 "	2.25	4.50	8.00	12.00	20.00
5 "	2.75	5.50	9.00	15.00	25.00
6 "	3.25	6.50	10.00	18.00	30.00
7 "	3.75	7.50	11.00	20.00	35.00
8 "	4.25	8.50	12.00	22.00	40.00
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a line for each insertion. Obituaries charged
for at the rate of 5 cents a line for eight
weeks. Marriages and deaths inserted free.
TERMS: Cash in advance, invariably.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 26, 1917.

LOCAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

Full moon this (Saturday) evening at 10.45.

Sun rises at 4.44 and sets at 7.16 Day's
length 14 hours, 36 minutes.

Thieves steal flowers from the yards in
front of Wilmington houses.

Berries of all kinds, are said to be very
plentiful down the State and an immense
crop is promised.

Bishop Lee confirmed four ladies and one
gentleman in the P. E. Church at Milford,
Sunday week.

Wilmington had a slight mad-dog sensation
Tuesday morning. The shooting of the animal
by a policeman ended it.

The boiler in White's steam saw mill,
Carry's cross roads, Sussex county, exploded
one day last week nearly wrecking the mill.

A little boy, son of ex-Sheriff Wm. Gray,
of Georgetown, Sussex county, fell into a
pot of boiling water last Tuesday week and
was scalded to death.

A young negro named Charles Hall was
committed to jail on Friday 11th inst. for an
attempted outrage on a white girl eight years
old, near Milford.

Samuel J. Wilson, Esq., of Newark, has
taken out letters of administration on the
estate of John A. Moody, late of White Clay
Creek Hundred, deceased.

The telegraph office at New Castle was
struck by lightning, during the storm, last
Sunday night. The apparatus was knocked
into "bits" and things were upset generally.

Wm. Clements, of Newport, was drowned
in the Christina on Tuesday while bathing.
He was nineteen years old, and was "the
only son of his mother and she a widow."

A Wilmington gentleman (name not given)
was waylaid and severely beaten by four
ruffians while on his way home from his
place of business on Tuesday evening.

To-day is children's day at the great Per-
manent Exhibition at Philadelphia. Trains
are run from Wilmington to the Exhibition
grounds for 46 cents fare, including admis-
sion fee.

Jackson & Sharp launched a three-masted
schooner, claimed to be the largest ever built
in this State, at their works Wednesday
morning. She is 140 feet long and 1000 tons
burthen.

An unusually large number of fruit grow-
ers from down the State and from Maryland,
attended the convention in this town last
week, showing that the meeting was well ad-
vertised.

The entertainment to be given by the
Odessa Dramatic Association next Tuesday
and Wednesday evenings will be one of the
finest and most interesting that they have yet
given.

Mr. R. L. Mailley, of Odessa, and a number
of gentlemen companions, started on a pleasure
trip down the Delaware river and bay this
week, in his yacht "Idyll". They will be
gone several days.

The heretofore-mentioned Strawberry Festi-
val for the Presbyterian church, in this
town, will be held in the Town Hall, next
Monday and Tuesday evenings. A charade
entertainment will be given at the same
time.

Resignation.
Rev. Wm. C. Butler tendered his resignation
of the rectory of St. Anne's P. E.
Church, in this town, to the vestrymen last
Monday, to take effect July 1st.

Changeable Weather.
The thermometer registered ninety degrees
in the shade last Saturday and everybody
thought summer had come in earnest, but on
Monday and Tuesday rain and hail fell and
sent summer away and gave us a taste of
winter again. On Thursday morning the
mercury stood at 47—just cold enough to
make overcoats and furs feel good, and linen
coats and fans cause a man to have the
chills.

A Pine House for Sale.
Rev. Dr. Patton offers his handsome new
house on Main street adjoining the Presby-
terian parsonage for sale. This is one of the
very best, and a little bit more conveni-
ent, arranged, houses that have ever been
put up in Middletown, and as the Doctor pro-
poses to sell all his large lot in the rear of it
and the parsonage, with it, it is the most de-
sirable residence in the town.

The Courts.
The business of the criminal court was
closed last week and the business of the Superi-
or Court was resumed. Saturday being
"rule day" a large number of cases were dis-
posed of by continuance, discontinuance,
entering of judgment, &c. This occupied
pretty much all day. The proceedings since
then have been of a not very interesting char-
acter, and our space being limited, we have
refrained from filling our columns with them.
Our "New Castle Letter" has, from some un-
accountable cause failed to reach us this
week.

An Outrage.
As Wally Wilson, a little son of Mr. Wm.
Wilson, of this place, was returning home
from some goods which he had just gotten
from one of the stores, last Saturday night
week, he was assaulted, on Broad street, by
a negro man, who knocked him against the
fence and took his basket of goods from him
and was about to make off with it, when he
was interrupted by the approach of another
colored man who made him return the boy's
basket and desert from his thievish operation.

A New Enterprise.
Messrs. Wm. R. Rothwell and John J.
Lockwood have formed a partnership under the
firm name of Wm. R. Rothwell & Co., and
leased the large building belonging to
Mrs. L. L. Green, and formerly occupied by
D. Woodall & Co., in this place, and set up a
steam saw mill and announce themselves pre-
pared to do all kinds of sawing at short notice
and on reasonable terms. They will also
manufacture peach baskets and crates, and
will endeavor to have a supply always on
hand for the accommodation of shippers.—
This is a Middletown enterprise, by Middle-
town men and should receive the encourage-
ment that home industry is always entitled to.

Strawberries from the Peninsula.

The first strawberry shipment of the season
from the peninsula was made over the Dela-
ware and P. W. and B. roads, Friday week.
The shipment consisted of three crates, one from
Princess Anne, one from Weatover, and one
from Marion, all on the Eastern Shore. The
berries were consigned to New York.

Whit Monday.

On "Whit Monday," as the dorkies call it,
was celebrated by them in grand style in this
town. Their several lodges and societies,
headed by a band from Dover, composed of
colored men, paraded the principal streets
of the town, followed by a large crowd of
outsiders, who danced and capered to the
music as they went, in true dorkie style. The
band played well and the procession was a
very creditable one. After the parade they
went out to the Fair Grounds where they
spent the day to suit themselves. Barring a
few individual exceptions of drunken and
polymen, the affair passed off quietly and, to
those engaged, doubtless very pleasantly.

Killed on the Railroad.

On Monday last, George S. Hastings, a
breakman on the Junction & Breakwater rail-
road was run over and killed by the cars, at
Harrington. He was engaged in coupling the
cars and was standing on the track, looking
in the opposite direction from which the
cars were approaching him and did not notice
them until they were too near to allow him
escape. He was struck in the head and
knocked down under the wheels which passed
over him crushing and mangle him in a
horrible manner. He was dead on the track
before he could be removed. His wife, who
was with him, saw the accident, but died
before he reached Georgetown.

Strawberry Festival.

The ladies of the M. E. Church, of Town-
send, are going to have a strawberry and ice-
cream festival in the grove near their church
on the evenings of May 31st and June 1st.
They expect to have a good time.
The ladies of the Presbyterian Church of
Middletown, will hold their festival, spoken
of last week, preceded by a charade enter-
tainment, in the Town Hall, on Monday and
Tuesday evenings next. See their advertise-
ment in another column of the Transcript.

The Ladies Aid Society of Summit M. E.

Church will hold a strawberry festival on the
evenings of Wednesday and Thursday, June
6th and 7th, in the new church. The public
are cordially invited to attend.

Kicked by a Horse.

A little five-year-old boy, son of H. S. Bel-
lie, of Wilmington, was kicked on the head
by a horse, near which he was playing, on
Monday evening. His skull was fractured and
he lay for five hours but was finally
restored to consciousness and is slowly re-
covering. The horse was grazing in a vacant
lot near the residence of the child's parents,
where the children were accustomed to play.
He is said to be a vicious animal and several
other little ones narrowly escaped being in-
jured by him. Now the question of the City
ordinances about horses being allowed to run
at large, and its enforcement, is being dis-
cussed. No fine could be too heavy on a man
who would allow such a horse to be at large.

Hill Stones and Cold Weather.

The early "heated term" was suddenly
brought to a premature close on Tuesday
through the medium of hail storms in various
localities. In the neighborhood of Summit
Bridge and the canal there was a slight fall
but it did not amount to anything. In Ken-
ton Hundred, Kent county, it was much
heavier and did considerable damage to grow-
ing crops; the wheat was badly cut and some
orchards were beaten and broken in little.
The windows of many houses in its track
were completely rattled. The stones were as
large as walnuts and came with such force as
to sink from an inch and a half to two inches
in the ground. Report says that below Ches-
tertown, Md., the stones were of great violence
and did immense injury to all kinds of grow-
ing crops. The orchards, are said in some
instances, to have been completely ruined by it.

Recovery of a Stolen Horse.

A. S. Staudt, whose mare and buggy were
stolen from the sheds of the Middletown
Hotel, two weeks ago last Monday, heard that
his mare was in the possession of a man near
Ridgely station on the Maryland & Delaware
railroad. He at once despatched Messrs. M.
N. Willis and R. L. Naundain in search of it.
These gentlemen, on arriving at Ridgely,
learned from a young man—who had given
the information to Mr. N.—of the whereabouts
of the mare that he supposed to be Mr. Naun-
dain's, and they proceeded to the place and
recovered her. The man who had her, and who
had received her in trade for another,
refused to produce her alleging that he had
traded her off and that she had been carried
to Virginia. He said, however, he could and
would procure her return, if he could first be
guaranteed the reimbursement of the money
that he had given in trade for her, \$80. This
the gentlemen, at length, finding they could
do no better, agreed to do, and early next
morning the mare was produced, and the
money paid. This together with the reward
paid to the young man who gave the first in-
formation—\$20—made \$100 besides other ex-
penses incurred for advertising, traveling, &c.,
which Mr. Naundain was compelled to pay to
get back his property. It is said that when
the mare was delivered to Messrs. Willis
and Naundain she was without any marks
whatever of having traveled any distance the
night before—evidently showing that she had
not been very far on the way to Virginia, and
if Mr. Naundain can succeed in substantiating
this, it will be a case to prove in to avoid
the mare was illegally held until his friends were
obliged to pay money for her delivery, he
ought to be able to recover the amount so
paid by them with damages.

Case of Outrage near Blackiston's Cross Roads.

On Tuesday afternoon, a strange man came
to the residence of Geo. Ennis, on Charles H.
Dalla's farm, near Blackiston's Cross Roads,
west of this town, and asked Miss Smith,
the housekeeper, where the men folk were. She
told him "in the field." About this time the
hall storm came on and he went away. Mr.
Ennis and his hands soon came in to avoid
the storm. They returned, however, to the
field when it cleared, and the strange man
came back as soon as they were out of sight
and seized Miss Smith, in the house, evidently
with criminal intent. She resisted, and the
man overpowered her, and after the out-
rage threatened to kill her if she attempted to
leave the house and give any alarm. He left
before time for the ladies to come in to sup-
per and nothing has been seen or heard of
him since, though Mr. Ennis and the neigh-
bors were in pursuit. Miss Smith is a young
lady, who keeps house for Mr. E. and her
brother works for him on the farm. The af-
fair has greatly excited the neighborhood.
We learn the facts from Mr. Finn, a neigh-
bor. Mr. Ennis lives about 64 miles from
town, on the Millington road. Mr. Duin in-
forms us that the fellow knocked Miss Smith
down three times before he could get into the
house, and that he was badly injured by the
blows which caused profuse bleeding.—*Smyrna Times.*

Peach Growers in Council.

ESTIMATES OF THE CROP.

HOW DOCTORS DIFFER.

A Large Attendance.

The mass meeting of the Peninsula Fruit
Growers which assembled, in response to the
call published in the Transcript in its issues
of the 5th and 12th inst. was one of the lar-
gest of the kind that has ever been held at this
place. Nearly every section of the Peninsula
was represented, many gentlemen from the
lower counties having come up on the early
morning train.

The meeting organized by the selection of
Sewell C. Biggs, of Summit Bridge, as Presi-
dent, and J. Thomas Budd, of Middletown,
as Secretary.

Mr. H. N. Willis, of Middletown, after
stating the object of the meeting, said it was
generally conceded that the coming peach
crop would be a very large one, and therefore
it was necessary to make such arrangements
for shipping the fruit as would prove remu-
nerative to the growers. He understood the
Railroad officials desired the growers to sell
their baskets with the fruit, instead of having
them returned, and deemed it advisable to
appoint a committee to wait on the Railroad
officials, with a view to securing cheap,
prompt and convenient shipments.

Samuel Townsend, of Townsend, proceeded
to give his views in regard to the probable
extent of the coming crop. He was of the
opinion that the crop would not be in extent
more than two-fifths of the great crop of 1875,
and ridiculed the ideas of the newspaper cor-
respondents who had recently estimated the
crop at 20,000,000 baskets, and of the Phila-
delphia journalists who, during a trip to the
peach country a week ago, had arrived at an
estimate of 7,000,000 baskets. He said the
snow and bad weather of the first part of
March had severely injured the trees, and that
in the district extending from Bridge-
ville to Princess Anne, the crop would be ex-
ceedingly light.

A call for estimates by stations was then
made, with the following response:

Henry Clayton, of Mt. Pleasant, said that
in his neighborhood the late varieties were
badly injured, but the earlier varieties gave
promise of a fair crop. The entire crop, in
his opinion, would be about two-fifths of the
crop of 1875.

Mr. H. N. Willis, speaking for the Middle-
town district, said the Smocks would
yield very sparsely, and that the other vari-
eties would produce a "fair" crop. In response
to a question by Hon. B. T. Biggs, as to
whether the shipments from Middletown would
equal those of 1875, Mr. Willis said
he did not think so.

Edwin R. Cochran, speaking also for Mid-
dletown, said he had only examined a few
orchards, but was of the opinion that the
prospects were excellent. He thought the
shipments from Middletown station would
reach 700,000 baskets.

Mr. Townsend insisted that it was too ear-
ly to make any correct estimates. Last year on
the 10th of May, the trees contained thousands
of peaches, and yet the crop did not turn out
near so well as in 1875. Being asked for an
estimate of shipments from Townsend station,
Mr. T. said they would amount to about
three-fifths of the shipments in 1875.

Mr. George W. Cummins, of Smyrna, said
he had read the peach crop estimates as pre-
pared by the Philadelphia journalists, and
also Mr. Townsend's opinion of the subject,
as contained in a recent letter published in
the Gazette. He thought Mr. Townsend was
more correct than the journalists, and that
the coming crop would be more than one
half of the crop of 1875. He would be glad
if his crop turned out one-third as well, and
firmly believed the trees would shed millions
of peaches during the next few weeks.

Mr. Charles H. Brown, of Dover, said that
the district embracing Dover, Moorhead and
Brenford could be put down from one-fourth
to one-third of the crop of 1875.

Dr. Henry Ridgely, of Dover, said that in
the district east of Dover, towards two bay,
it would require the maturing of every peach
now on the trees to make a good crop; west
of Dover the trees were loaded. He thought
the shipments from Dover station would
reach between 175,000 and 200,000 baskets.

Mr. Jacob G. Brown, of North Marketville
Hundred, expects to ship 40,000 baskets this
year. In the Camden and Wyoming districts,
he said the yield had never promised more
abundantly, and the crop would equal, if not
exceed, the great crop of 1875.

His advice from the districts around Fel-
ton and Canterbury was also favorable, and
indicated an unusually large yield.

The President stated that he had received
advice from Bridgeville to the effect that
with the exception of the Troths and a few
other early varieties the prospect for an aver-
age crop was fair. It would not, however,
be anything like the crop of 1875.

Mr. E. C. Kinckadee said that the dis-
trict between Harrington and Milford would
produce as great, if not a greater crop than
in 1875.

Mr. S. S. Hoff spoke for Lincoln and vicin-
ity, where, he said, the crop would be light.
He said that Georgetown, the early varieties
paid to the young man who gave the first in-
formation—\$20—made \$100 besides other ex-
penses incurred for advertising, traveling, &c.,
which Mr. Naundain was compelled to pay to
get back his property. It is said that when
the mare was delivered to Messrs. Willis
and Naundain she was without any marks
whatever of having traveled any distance the
night before—evidently showing that she had
not been very far on the way to Virginia, and
if Mr. Naundain can succeed in substantiating
this, it will be a case to prove in to avoid
the mare was illegally held until his friends were
obliged to pay money for her delivery, he
ought to be able to recover the amount so
paid by them with damages.

Hon. B. T. Biggs said that along the line
of the Kent and Queen Anne's railroad the
crop would be fully as large as in 1875,
when 700 car loads were conveyed to Town-
send; and if every peach now on the trees
matured the shipments would reach 800 cars.
Around Millington all the varieties were in
good condition except the Crawford's.

Mr. Townsend said he had no disposition
to underestimate the extent of the crops, but
the time of danger was not yet passed. The
recent warm weather had started the sap in
the trees to flowing vigorously, and a sudden
change in the weather would be attended
with disastrous consequences. He deprecated
the system of hastily predicting immediate
crops, as it had the effect of causing buyers
to refrain from purchasing the early ship-
ments, with the idea of securing lower prices;
thus putting the shippers to considerable loss.

Mr. James Vesey, of Sassafras Neck, Md.,
said the crop in that locality would be fully
as large as in 1875.

Mr. Elias Moore said that in the district
of Odessa the Smocks were nearly all
killed, and the other varieties would produce
from one-fourth to one-third of the crops
of 1875.

Chas. H. Brown said that in his opinion
the crops would undoubtedly be very large,
and the best thing the meeting could do
would be to arrange for a system of ship-
ments, by which the peaches could be regu-
larly sent to Cincinnati, Chicago, Boston
and other distant cities. He thought a com-
mittee should be appointed to consult with
the railroad companies in regard to the sub-
ject.

Mr. Townsend moved that the system of
shipping peaches by chartered cars be con-
tinued.

Mr. I. N. Mills, General Agent of the Dela-
ware R. R. being appealed to said that he was

not authorized to commit his company to any
plan; that he only knew of the desire of the
several R. R. companies to ascertain the best
mode of moving the crop, and he was present
to ascertain, if possible, the wishes of the
growers and shippers. He suggested that Mr.
Townsend should not denounce the railroad
companies until he knew that they proposed
to change the mode of shipping, and what
the proposed change was: that in 1875, he
knew, his company were pushed over cars and
that 48 chartered cars stood unemployed, and
he was very much improved, could be made
upon the present system.

Hon. B. T. Biggs said that the prospects
between Cambridge and Seaford were double
what they were in 1875, and that the indica-
tions all over the Peninsula pointed to an
enormous yield. New markets for the fruit
should be opened and a committee should be
appointed to confer with the railroad officials
in relation to opening these markets.

Mr. S. S. Hoff offered an amendment to Mr.
Townsend's motion, to the effect that the
chartered car system of shipments should be
continued unless better arrangements could
be made. He was opposed to binding the
growers positively to the chartered car sys-
tem, as it would prevent them from securing
any reduction of freight.

Mr. Townsend asserted that shipments by
any other system than the chartered cars re-
sulted in a loss to the growers, as nearly
every grower in the room could testify to.

Mr. Willard Block said that as far as the
Railroad was concerned, last year, every
basket was returned to the owner, and the
company stood ready to guarantee the same
safe return of baskets during the coming
season.

Mr. Hoff's amendment to Mr. Townsend's
motion was adopted, and the motion was
amended, was put before the meeting and
advised, the following form:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this
meeting that shipments by chartered cars
should be continued as heretofore, unless an-
other system can be mutually agreed upon
between the fruit growers and railroad com-
panies to the interest of both.

Chas. H. Brown offered the following resolu-
tion, which, after a short discussion was
adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen be ap-
pointed to confer with the officers of the P.
W. & B. R. and other railroads; in re-
gard to rates, routes, markets and return
of empty cars, and such matters as may be
of importance, to the fruit growers; at such
time and place as may be hereafter agreed
upon, and to report on such day as this meet-
ing shall adjourn to.

The chair appointed the following com-
mittee: Chas. H. Brown and Dr. Henry
Ridgely, of Dover; B. T. Biggs and W. P.
Biggs, of Summit Bridge; Samuel Townsend,
of Townsend; Edwin R. Cochran, R. T.
Cochran and H. N. Willis, of Middletown;
Dr. Atkins, of Easton, Md.; Dr. Edward
Wilkins, of Chestertown, Md.; Henry Clay-
ton, of Mt. Pleasant; Jacob G. Brown, of
Wyoming; Dr. J. H. Prentiss, of Milford;
James Ross, of Seaford; Albert Curry, of
Morris.

Mr. Brown offered the following:

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns
it to meet at Dover on Friday, June 8th,
at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Mr. Biggs moved to amend by substituting
Middletown for Dover, which motion was
adopted.

Several Fruit Drying machines were exhib-
ited and an invitation from Mr. A. J. Rey-
nolds, Agent, of Philadelphia, to examine his
Automatic Fruit Evaporator on exhibition at
the corner of Broad and Anderson streets was
presented. The meeting then adjourned.

The following R. R. companies were repre-
sented:

The Penna., by Mr. Howell; the Balt. &
Ohio, by Mr. T. H. Stamford; the Phila-
delphia & Reading, by Mr. Wm. Black; the P. W.
& B. by Messrs. Mills and Walker; Kent, by
Mr. Gerker; the Kent & Queen Anne's, by
Major B. T. Biggs, its President, and the
Md. & Del., by Mr. Caldwell.

Destructive Hail Storm.

The Chester County Transcript gives the fol-
lowing account of the hail storm below that town,
on Tuesday:

Eastern Neck Island, in the lower part of
this county, was visited last Monday evening
by a very severe hail storm. We have been
unable to get anything like a satisfactory ac-
count of the injury done to the fruit and
grain crops on the farms in its track—which
fortunately was not wide—but from what we
have learned, Mr. B. F. Sappington is per-
haps the greatest sufferer; in fact, if reports
are correct, it is not possible that any one's
crops could have sustained greater injury. It
is said that his peach orchard and wheat field
are so badly damaged that he will not get ten
bushels of wheat or a basket of peaches. His
fruit and grain gave promise of an abundant
yield. It is to be hoped that the injury is
much less than reported. But all who witness
the terrible hail storm which visited this
section on the 24th of June, 1854, know
that such disasters are hard to exaggerate.
We learn that just-below Queenstown, on the
opposite side of Chester river, great damage
was done by the same vein of hail, which had
not exhausted its power of destruction.

EASTERN SHORE MATTERS.

A sturgeon twelve feet long, and weighing
200 pounds, was recently caught in Elk river.
Michael Sentman's barn and contents, in
the fourth district of Cecil county, were de-
stroyed by fire last week.

A railroad bridge between Salisbury and
Delmar was nearly destroyed by fire last
Thursday by sparks from a locomotive.

James Taylor committed suicide last week
near Franklin, Worcester county, by throw-
ing himself into a well.

Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, of the M. E. Church,
has quit preaching—for a time at least—and
gone to farming near Oxford, Talbot co.

The public school at Rowlandville, Cecil
county, has been closed until September in
consequence of the fatal prevalence of scarlet
fever.

Luke Brown, Joseph M. Evans, Job Haines,
W. W. Carter and Dr. L. R. Kirk have been
elected commissioners of Rising Sun, Cecil
county.

N. F. Johnson's farm, 235 acres, in Cecil
county, has been sold to John E. Alexander
for \$3,000, the property being subject to a lien
of \$1,000.

RETRIBUTION.—We learn that retri-
bution befell a tramp Saturday week near Sassafras,
in this county. On reaching the house of Mr.
John Gibson, situated near the roadside, he
found Mrs. Gibson reclining at the window
fronting on the road. It was about noon;
she had prepared dinner for her husband,
who was at work in the field, and was await-
ing his arrival. The stranger knocked at the
door, and said he was coming in to the house.
She remonstrated, and told him there was a
bad dog in the hall that would certainly bite him
if he effected an entrance. He persisted, how-
ever, and on entering attempted to commit
an outrage upon the person of the lady. The
dog rushed into the room about this time and
made a savage attack upon the tramp, inflic-
ting a terrible wound, maiming him for life.
The stranger then made his exit from the
house, and was last seen by our informant
lying by the roadside near Sassafras,
suffering excruciating pain.—*Kent (Md.) News.*

Miscellaneous Ad's.

A man supposed to be Frederick Hunter, of
Frederick, was run over and killed by a P.
W. & B. Railroad train at Edgemoor, Del.,
on Thursday afternoon.

The storm which passed over Queenstown,
last Monday evening was the severest since
last September and in the vicinity of Queen-
stown the most destructive, on account of the
hail which accompanied it. The storm arose
from the northeast, but the wind suddenly
shifted to the northwest and blew a fearful
gale which lasted for more than twenty
minutes accompanied by a fall of hail
stones remarkable for size and quantity.

The gale and hail storm seems to have been
confined to a small belt not more than
half mile wide and 24 miles in length.
The course was up Queenstown creek, at
the head of which is the village of Queen-
stown. Here it proved very destructive, shat-
tering over two hundred window glass, up-
rooting trees and blowing down fences, in-
stantly destroying gardens and damaging
wheat fields and peach orchards. The hail
is said to have fallen with such force in the
village of Queenstown as to have battered the
weather boarding of buildings and peeled off
the white-wash of old buildings.—*Centerville Record.*

Business Locals.

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